

Announcement of Train the Trainer in

“What’s Different about Teaching Reading and Writing to Students Learning English?” A TOT workshop May and June, 2014

In order to provide quality, sustained leadership in the literacy development of English language learners, teacher leaders are being recruited for participation in “What’s Different about Teaching Reading and Writing to Students Learning English” – a training of trainers (TOT) workshop to be held in Lansing, Michigan. Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Great Lakes Comprehensive Center, leaders from the Center for Applied Linguistics (Washington D.C.) will conduct two, 2-day workshops on “What’s Different.” Up to twenty-five individuals who teach English learners and/or serve as reading coaches or specialists will be selected to be trainers. They will be expected to participate actively in the **four days** of training (**May 20-21 and June 24-25, 2014**) followed by co-training others during July, 2014 for four days with assistance from the Center for Applied Linguistics.

Persons selected for this professional development of “What’s Different” will meet these criteria:

- Academic knowledge and background in language/literacy acquisition
- Classroom experience teaching English Learners (minimum 3 years preferred)
- Experience providing literacy instruction and developing content literacy for ELs
- Experience in planning and delivery of professional development, particularly related to the education of ELs
- Willingness to work collaboratively as part of a “What’s Different” training team that will commit to designing, preparing, and delivering further training
- Commitment to participate in the four-day Training the Trainer workshop.
- Availability to co-facilitate a one, 4-day regional “What’s Different” workshop to others in July or August of 2014
- Employment flexibility and administrative support to be able to participate in reunion meetings and deliver trainings to district staff during the 2014-15 school year and beyond
- Demonstrated commitment to providing the highest level of educational opportunities for ELs in Michigan schools

Individuals interested in applying to be a “What’s Different” trainer should:

1. Submit a letter of interest in response to these criteria addressed to Dr. Shereen Tabrizi
2. Attach a recent resume
3. Include the names and contact information of at least two references including your principal/supervisor.

Send this information by **February 28, 2014** via email to DancerL@michigan.gov
Successful candidates will be notified by March 15, 2014. Thank you.